

## REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 33, 48, and 51, canceled claim 35, and added a new claim 53. As a result, claims 33-34, and 36-53 are pending in this application. Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for noticing the allowable subject matter included in claims 35-40, 47, and 52. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the various rejections in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claims 33, 48, and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs as allegedly being unsupported by the specification. In response, Applicants have herein amended claims 33, 48, and 51 to remove the claimed feature and add one or more other features of the invention. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application.

Further, claims 33-34, 41-43, 46, 48, and 50-51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,413,825 (Chaikin). In response to this rejection, Applicants have herein amended claims 33, 48, and 51 to include the feature that the inner support(s) is (are) adjustable in a direction of extension with respect to the mast. This feature is clearly missing from Chaikin, which includes, as the Office states, “rigid inner supports 50.” Additionally, with respect to claim 33, Applicants have included the linear drive feature that was previously indicated as allowable in claim 35. As a result, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Additionally, claims 44-45, and 49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Chaikin in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,381,867 (Berry). In support of this rejection, the Office relies on its rejection of the previous claims in view of Chaikin discussed above. Applicants herein incorporate the arguments presented above with reference to this rejection, and respectfully submit that Chaikin and Berry fail to disclose all of the features of the claimed invention. As a result, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner require anything further to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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